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AMERICAN RED CROSS

R O JUNE 45
MINDANAO, P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

THE MAIL JUST CAME IN AND I [illegible] ONLY HAVE ONE.
YESTERDAY I GOT ONE FROM LOTTIE AND [illegible]ERT.
IT'S NOW 11:30 A.M., AND I REA[illegible] MAGAZINE
ALL AFTERNOON. READING MATERIAL IS [illegible]ERY SCARCE,
AND I NOW HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO READ.

BERT WRITES YOU ARE GOING T[illegible] START MANUFACTURING HARNESS AND LEATHER GOODS. D[illegible]ES THAT MEAN THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SELL THE STORE WHERE WILL YOU PUT UP THE NEW BUSINESS? HOW MUCH [illegible] WILL [illegible]? IS THE MAN WITH THE MACHINERY MR. [illegible]? WHERE DOES HE COME IN ON THE DEAL? IS HE A PARTNER? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET ENOUGH LEATHER NOW? MAYBE WITH A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT YOU CAN GET PRIORITES! RIGHT? WELL, I HOPE IT TURNS OUT GOOD, BUT I SURE WOULD LIKE TO [illegible] DAMN SHOP NEXT DOOR AFTER THE WAR! RIGHT?

HAVE ANY OF THE BOYS THERE COME HOME FROM ~~AFR~~ EUROPE AS YET? I WONDER IF LES POTTER IS ON HIS WAY OVER HERE!

IT'S PRETTY COOL TODAY, JUST [illegible] SPRING AT HOME. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN [illegible] WEEKS, IT DIDN'T RAIN YESTERDAY.

I HOPE BY NOW LOTTIE HAS [illegible]OT SOME GIRL TO WRITE THAT FELLOW I TOLD [illegible]R ABOUT!

WELL, 25 YEARS AGO TO[illegible]Y, I'M SEARLES,

AMERICAN RED CROS

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ALABAMA (U.S.) YOU WERE GLAD, HER WAS IN BED.
I WAS IN BAD, AND BERT WA AD, A LITTLE
DIDN'T GIVE A DOO-DAD! RI HAT AN
EVENTFUL DAY FOR GOOD OLD SE LES AND YOUR
SONORA FRIENDS! BY THE WAY, IS N DUFF STILL
IN PARIS, OR ON HIS WAY HOM SPEAKING OF
SONORA REMINDED ME OF HIM! S SEEING
WHEN I MENTIONED ABOUT A BIG
MICKEY WALKER IN NEW YORK, WE STARTED
ON BOXING, FROM THE FIRST TIME
SESSION WAS THE NAME OF THAT PUNCH
WAS A BIG TIME
AT HOME THAT USED TO BE
SPARRING PARTNER, FOR DEMPSEY I BELIEVE. HE USED
TO UMPIRE WRESTLING MATCHES AT HOME. I WAS
IT WHITE?
THATS ALL FOR NOW. SO BE GOOD, ANS-
WER ALL OF MY QUESTIONS, AND WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
HAROLD

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME FOOD!
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